namely, National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities has been approved in the State sector with Central funding for creating infrastructure at State/District/Block and Gram Panchayat level for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to the disabled. A scheme has also been approved for setting up of four Auxiliary Production Centres of Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) to expand the production capacity and for easy availability of quality aids and appliances. National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Austism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation And Multiple Disabilities has been set up for welfare of persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.

Low Utilisation of Funds by the Ministry

2476. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the utilization of funds in her Ministry was very low;

(b) if so, the details of the budgetary allocations and utilization during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the performance of minorities and backward classes divisions are still dismal with the utilization being less than 12 per cent;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the percentage of utilization in the last three financial years under various divisions viz. minority, backward etc., State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) No, Sir.

(e) Funds are not allocated State-wise but for each sector and schemes therein for the country as a whole. A statement is annexed.

Statement

Percentage of utilisation in the last three financial years under various divisions viz. minority, backward etc.

Bureau	1997-98				1998-99				1999-2000			
	BE	RE	EXP	%age of Exp. to RE	BE	RE	EXP	%age of Exp. to RE	BE	RE	EXP	%age of Exp. to RE
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SCD	771.00	611.77	610.24	99.75%	776.00	735.70	693.70	94.29%	808.50	804.21	823.07	102.35%
M&BC	140.86	41.20	41.01	99.54%	190.96	148.90	138.02	92.69%	156.30	145.81	138.86	95.23%
DD	107.14	57.26	56.66	98.95%	142.04	114.25	107.63	94.21%	180.20	148.27	132.87	89.61%
SD	44.00	31.39	30.35	96.69%	59.00	48.08	45.89	95.45%	65.00	58.78	57.19	97.29%
A.W.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	10.00	15.00	15.08	100.53%
G. Total	**1063.00**	**741.62**	**738.26**	**99.55%**	**1168.00**	**1046.93**	**985.24**	**94.11%**	**1220.00**	**1172.07**	**1167.07**	**99.57%**